Commission covering the entire 6 (six) regions of the country *i.e.* North, South, East, West, Central and North East. None of the States raised the issue of amendment in proportion of assistance to States.

Earthquake prone building in Delhi

†3313. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted survey regarding earthquake prone buildings located in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of most vulnerable buildings in Delhi which might collapse at the time of earthquake; and

(d) the steps taken by Government keeping security of the said buildings in view?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, efforts have been initiated to estimate the seismic vulnerability of buildings in Delhi region. As a part of this effort, five buildings, namely, the Delhi Secretariat, Police Headquarter Building at ITO, the Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, the Ludlow Castle School and the Office Complex of Divisional Commissioner of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have been selected for assessing their seismic safety status as well as to retrofit them, if required. The pilot project is expected to provide a model for seismic safety evaluation and retrofitting of existing seismically deficient buildings, which can be replicated in Delhi as well as in other States/ Union Territories. The knowledge gained through this pilot study may be disseminated through training programmes for engineers of the Central and State Governments. Also, the first level microzonation map of National Capital Territory of Delhi at 1:50,000 scale has just been completed, which would help in assessing the strength of buildings/structures.

(d) A committee of Experts was constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs to develop model building byelaws, town and country planning legislations, zoning regulations and development control regulations for earthquake risk mitigation and management. The report submitted by the said Committee has been circulated to the State Government/Union Territories Administrations with the advice to adapt them to meet the requirements of the State/Union Territories.

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